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1. INFORMATION PROVIDED REF B GIVES ENCOURAGING INDICATION THAT THE CHINESE MAY SEEK TO RESOLVE THE FDA SHRIMP REJECTION PROBLEM (REF A) BY TAKING APPROPRIATE MEASURES AFTER LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE PERTINENT USG PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING INFORMATION THROUGH Y.Y. WONG, THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT CONSIDER DELIVERING A SET OF THE RELEVANT MATERIALS DIRECTLY TO PRCLO.

2. USLO HAS RECEIVED COPIES OF LETTER (DATED AUGUST 28 AND 29, RESPECTIVELY) SENT BY DAVID COOKSON OF ICD GROUP, INC., NEW YORK, TO PRCLO COMMERCIAL OFFICER HUANG WEN-CHUN AND TO THE PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COMPANY IN PEKING. ICD HAS ALSO HAD SHRIMP SHIPMENTS REJECTED, AND IN HIS LETTERS COOKSON INFORMED THE CHINESE THAT HE FEARED REJECTION INSURANCE WOULD SOON BECOME DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. HE THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT THE PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COMPANY CONSIDER ISSUING SUCH POLICIES ITSELF.

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WHILE THIS WOULD NOT SOLVE THE BASIC PROBLEM, WE NOTE

THAT IT WOULD AT LEAST MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR US IMPORTERS
TO CONTINUE TO BUY FROM CHINA, WHILE A LONGER RANGE SOLUTION
IS PURSUED. COOKSON ALSO PROPOSED TO PRCLO THAT A
DELEGATION OF IMPORTERS, WHICH MIGHT UNOFFICIALLY INCLUDE
USG SPECIALISTS, VISIT CHINA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING
THE PRC TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM. IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY
DONE SO, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONTACT COOKSON TO
OBTAIN ANY FURTHER VIEWS HE MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT.
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